



Order 96-5-18

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 15th day of May, 1996

In re:

**SECURITY OF AIRCRAFT AND
SAFETY OF PASSENGERS
TRANSITING ATHENS, GREECE**

ORDER

By this order, the Secretary of Transportation notifies U.S. and foreign air carriers of his finding that Hellenikon International Airport, Athens, Greece, now maintains and carries out effective airport security measures.

Background

By order 96-3-50, I notified U.S. and foreign air carriers of my determination that Hellenikon International Airport, Athens, Greece, did not maintain and carry out effective security measures. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. section 44907(d), I advised the Government of Greece on March 22, 1996, that 90 days had elapsed since it was notified of my earlier determination that Hellenikon International Airport, Athens, Greece, did not maintain and carry out effective security measures, and that I had again made the same determination. Both determinations were based on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) assessments which revealed that security measures used at that airport did not meet the minimum Standards and Recommended Practices established by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

That order also served as notice to U.S. and foreign air carriers providing service between the United States and Hellenikon International Airport of their obligation under 49 U.S.C. 44907(d)(1)(B) to provide notice of my determination to any passenger purchasing a ticket for transportation between the United States and Hellenikon International Airport.

Decision

Based on an assessment conducted by the FAA at Hellenikon International Airport during the period May 6-10, 1996, I am now satisfied that Hellenikon International Airport now maintains and carries out effective security measures. Accordingly, U.S. and foreign air carriers are no longer required to provide written notice of my March 21, 1996, determination regarding Hellenikon International Airport to passengers purchasing U.S.-Athens, Greece, tickets.

ACCORDINGLY:

1. I hereby vacate Order 96-3-50 and relieve carriers of their obligation under 49 U.S.C. 44907(d)(1)(B), to provide to U.S.-Athens passengers written notice of my March 21, 1996, determination that Hellenikon International Airport does not maintain and carry out effective security measures;
2. This order shall be effective immediately; and
3. Copies of this order shall be served on the carriers and associations on the attached service list.

Federico Peña
Secretary of Transportation

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